

Claims: We claim:

1. A support stand comprising
 - a. a flat base of predetermined shape and thickness,
 - b. a plurality of vertical support members communicating with said flat base,
 - c. a means of slidably connecting said vertical support members to said flat base,
 - d. a means of slidably adjusting the location of said vertical support members on said base, relative to one another, and
 - e. a means of affixing said vertical support members in a given location on said flat base, such that a desired aperture is thereby created between said vertical support members, whereby an object can be placed into the aperture created between the vertical support members, such that the object stands perpendicularly to the flat base.
2. The support stand of claim 1 wherein said flat base has an elongated rectangular shape.
3. The support stand of claim 2 wherein said flat base is made of metal.
4. The support stand of claim 3 wherein said flat base made of metal is plated with a rust-resistant plating material.
5. The support stand of claim 1 wherein said vertical support members have an L-shape.
6. The support stand of claim 5 wherein said vertical support members having an L-shape shall communicate with said flat base along the flat bottom portion of that L-shape.
7. The support stand of claim 6 wherein said vertical support members having an L-shape shall have a guide slot in the flat bottom portion of the L-shape.
8. The support stand of claim 7 wherein said flat base shall have one or more guide pins, such that said guide slot in said vertical support member may be

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placed over said guide pins, enabling said adjustable vertical support member to slide across a predetermined area on said flat base.

9. The support stand of claim 8 wherein at least one of said guide pins is threaded.
10. The support stand of claim 9 wherein each said threaded guide pin is threadedly mated with an oppositely-threaded adjusting knob that may be tightened down on said threaded guide pin compressing the flat bottom portion of said vertical support member against said flat base, such that said vertical support member will be fixed in a specific location on said flat base.
11. The support stand of claim 1 wherein one or more vertical support members are permanently fixed in a predetermined location on said flat base.
12. The support stand of claim 11 in which one or more vertical support members are permanently fixed wherein additional non-fixed vertical support members may be temporarily fixed in a location selected by the user.
13. The support stand of claim 1 wherein the vertical support members are made of metal.
14. The support stand of claim 13 wherein said vertical support members made of metal are plated with a rust resistant plating material.
15. The support stand of claim 6 wherein said vertical support members shall have a flat base and a flat upright section.
16. The support stand of claim 6 wherein said vertical support members shall have a flat base and a curved upright section.

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